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Experts suggest security review

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The 78th Communications Squadron has a suggestion for the new year: Take a look at your communications systems and devices to make certain they comply with the Air Force instruction that governs them.

Bob Kinsey, communications security coordinator, said a review of the instruction — 33-219 — is a good idea, particularly in the heightened security environment that followed the Sept. 11 attacks. The instruction requires all users of Defense Department communications, including contractors and their employees, be notified of the measures the instruction mandates

“Everyone — employees who have been on the job for many years, those new to the work force and contractors — should review this instruction,” Kinsey said. “It contains information we all need to know. At this critical time in our nation’s history, it’s imperative that we remain conscientious in safeguarding information by all means possible. There is no room for complacency in today’s world.”

Kinsey said the key points in the Air Force instruction are as follows:

- The government provides telecommunications systems and devices for official business only; systems are subject to monitoring.
- Administrative telephones must have a DD Form 2056 (Telephone Monitoring

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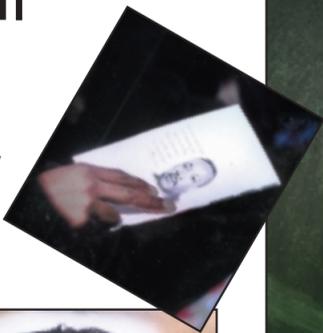
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Robins street renamed for civil rights leader



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Members of Team Robins Plus and the local community gathered Tuesday for the renaming of Fifth Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. At top, Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, greets those attending the ceremony. Above, Haines shakes hands with Warner Robins Mayor Donald Walker. At left, Sharon Broughton delivers the ceremony’s keynote address on behalf of her mother, Pearl Colbert, who is president of the Houston County Chapter of the NAACP.

Seward to help choose next 2002 Installation Excellence winner

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The commander of the 78th Air Base Wing has been named to the board that will recommend the winner of the 2002 Commander-in-Chief’s Installation Excellence Award.



Col. Jay E. Seward

As a member of the Installation Excellence Selection Board, Col. Jay E. Seward will be one of five Air Force leaders who will make site visits to the three finalist installations in February. The committee’s first-hand observations of programs that create and sustain excellence will be a primary factor in selecting the winner. The committee’s recommendations will go to the chief of staff and the secretary of the Air Force for final approval.

The finalists are Lajes Field, the Azores; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; and Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Robins Air Force Base won the award in 1995. Air Force Materiel Command’s nominee in the 2002 competition was Hill AFB, Utah.

The award winner will receive \$500,000 for its operations and maintenance account, and the two finalists will receive \$250,000 each for quality-of-life improvements. In addition, the winner receives a trophy, a flag to be flown over the installation and a letter signed by the president.

Other members of the team are:
Brig. Gen. Marne Peterson, Headquarters Air Force Information and Logistics
Col. David M. Edgington, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
Col. Don Lustig, 100th Air Refueling Wing, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom
Col. Oral W. Carper, 932nd Airlift Wing, Scott AFB, Ill.

Col. Bradford E. Ward, 10th Air Base Wing, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., who will serve as an alternate

Seward said he is excited about the opportunity to serve on the selection board.

“Our charter is to identify the best installation in the U.S. Air Force,” he said. “We will be taking a critical look at the installations that have already proven their excellence by making the final cut. We will be busy, focused and taking in a great deal of information in a relatively short timeframe. I hope to bring back some good ideas to share with the Robins leadership.”

78th Operations Support Squadron earns high praise from command inspectors

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A team of Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command inspectors assessing the quality and adequacy of services supporting Robins’ flying units had high praise for the 78th Operations Support Squadron.

The team singled out three stellar performers: Capt. Carolyn Coleman, airfield operations flight commander, and weather flight members Staff Sgt. Amy Mazingo and Roddy Nixon.

The inspection, conducted in December, examined the Air Traffic System Evaluation Program and Weather Standardization and Evaluation.

“We did very well in the majority of areas,” Maj. Timothy Arch, squadron commander, said. “While the inspectors flagged problems in some areas, the big picture is one of excellence and an organization that demonstrates superior skill, attitude and operational know-how.”

“The inspection underscored our commitment to working diligently to prepare and provide the best support we can to our customers,” Arch added. “The inspection validated



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Capt. Carolyn Coleman, airfield operations flight commander, observes activity on the flight line.

our reputation as a highly trained, customer-first organization. The OSS team focus is safety, effectiveness and responsiveness. Those elements and a real concentration on teamwork have made the difference between ‘good’ and ‘excellent’ in our daily operations.

“It was a total team effort to ensure our customers receive the best possible support, Arch added. “The chief controller transformed an inexperienced

High points noted:

- ✓ teamwork
- ✓ unit training
- ✓ radar programs

controller force into dedicated, highly motivated and professional controllers. The chief of training and standardization improved the air traffic control training and quality assurance dramatically. In addition, an enthusiastic airfield manager teamed with civil engineering on a host of projects to enhance the safety and mission of Robins. Civil engineering support to the airfield is commendable.”

“The Robins Air Force Base air traffic system is providing



Staff Sgt. Amy Mazingo

excellent support to a diverse and dynamic air traffic environment,” the inspectors concluded. They credited organizational leadership with leading the way in overcoming past deficiencies and integrating the operational flying needs of the squadron’s major customers, which are four major commands, Air National Guard and Robins Aero Club.

The report commended Coleman as “the driving force for improvement... Her efforts have resulted in a drastic enhancement in the quality of leadership, which has translated into a healthy work force and improved effectiveness of daily operations.”

Mazingo earned kudos for her “outstanding understanding



Roddy Nixon

of all unit forecasting, observing and administrative procedures and processes,” Nixon, for using the experience of more senior unit personnel to “devise a truly impressive unit training program.”

The inspectors cited among high points the weather flight’s teamwork, unit training and radar programs.

Lauded as benchmark processes for the weather unit were a computer presentation using innovative macros to depict individual routes flown by all supported operators and a meteorological satellite program using innovative applets allowing users to adjust color enhancements on satellite imagery, allowing easier interpretation.

Shine the light Team works to brighten views for AC-130H operators at night

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New camera technology has enabled the Robins Air Force Base C-130 System Program Office's AC-130H Integrated Product Team to shed new light on an old problem.

The low light level TV system, used to locate targets on the ground from the air with night vision, once only provided limited visibility to its operators due to its dated camera system. Today, after updates to the system, operators are able to see miles into the dark night as if it were day.

"The LLLTV system is mission essential," said Doug Lands, electronics engineer in the Special Operations System Program Office. "The improved system allows AC-130H operators to identify targets in very low light conditions."

Lands said the possible dis-



tance between a target and the plane has been more than doubled, reaching up to 16 miles.

"This distance translates into more combat flexibility and greater safety for the crews," he said.

Lands said by improving the lens of the system, objects up to 16 miles away can be seen clearly with little more than the light level on a clear night with a quarter moon overhead.

"The new camera employs a single intensifier and a solid-state system that is modular and very reliable," he said. "There have been no camera failures since the system was first installed, more than a year ago."

Lands said the old system would have had dozens of failures in that same period of time.

The system was designed in a modular fashion, which means further technology can be added as it becomes available and affordable.

"We worked hard to provide a 50-percent growth capability available to the user when we fielded the system," said Lands.

One of the reasons the system's upgrade is so important is because of the plane's lack of stealth.

"The AC-130H is a large and slow aircraft, and the aircrew doesn't want give away their position to a potential adversary," said Lands. "We are always striving for stealth to enhance survivability."

Extensive ground and flight tests were performed, and mathematical modeling was used, to ensure that the performance requirements



Courtesy photo
Alice Newsome and Doug Lands show the new system which enables AC-103H gunship operators to identify targets in very low light conditions.

would be met. The result is a system that has exceeded all expectations.

Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Colvin, AFSOC chief sensor operator, said he has gotten

favorable results.

"It wasn't my doing, but a huge team effort to bring this off. I've flown several sorties, with only one very minor write-up. What a

superb system," he said.

"This is a great thing for Warner Robins, this is an air logistics center achievement," said Alice Newsome, LLLTV program manager.

Protecting America

Capt. Ken Adams, left, and Capt. Rod Von Grote, both with the Air National Guard's 188th Fighter Wing from Fort Smith, Ark., are currently located at Robins Air Force Base. The two are here to fly Combat Air Patrol missions in support of Operation Nobel Eagle. On Jan. 11, the two flew F-16 aircraft to escort a commercial airliner to at Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta after that plane's transponder malfunctioned. At right, media representatives interview the two pilots following their scramble from Robins.



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Hail and Farewell

Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will conduct a standup Officers' Hail and Farewell on Jan. 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Robins Air Force Base Officers' Club. Spouses are invited to attend the event and social that follows. For more information, contact Capt. Jon Cory at 926-4711.

Security forces extend decal renewal deadline

The 78th Security Forces Squadron reminds drivers that 2001 decals on base-registered vehicles expired Jan. 1. Security forces have extended the deadline for registration renewal to Feb. 15. Identification card, driver's license, license plate number, proof of insurance and expired decal are required to renew. Decals may be renewed at Security Forces Pass and ID, Bldg. 263, Monday through Fridays from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Wednesdays, when the

office closes at noon for training.

78th section closes Wednesday at noon

The 78th Security Forces Pass and Registration section closes every Wednesday at noon for administrative and training purposes. Hours of operation are 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of Wednesday. Those requiring emergency service Wednesday after noon can call 926-3853.

Decals issued at community center

The pass and registration office will be issuing vehicle decals Tuesday only at the conference room of Smith Community Center, Bldg. 767, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Legal office closure

The base legal office will close today at 2 p.m. for a special function.

Check list can help personnel stay in compliance for communications security

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Decal) affixed in a conspicuous location. Telephones approved for classified use will have the same form, but its top line, "Do not discuss classified information" will be removed.

• Fax machines may have stickers indicating they are subject to monitoring and that use of them constitutes consent to monitoring. If they don't have the stickers, users must use AF Form 3535, Facsimile Electro Mail Transmittal Form, or an organizational facsimile cover sheet that contains the notice and consent statement, "Do not transmit classified information over unsecured communications systems. Official DOD telecommunications systems are subject to monitoring. Using DOD telecommunications systems constitutes consent to monitoring."

• Telecommunications monitoring notice for cellular telephones and hand-held radios must use one of two methods to meet monitoring notice and consent notification rules — DD

Form 2056 or similar form on phone/hand-held radio; or require personnel to sign a notification and consent form when issued a cellular phone or hand-held radio.

• Air Force automated information systems and networks should have log-on banners notifying users that system use constitutes consent to monitoring and testing. During monitoring, information may be examined, recorded, copied and used for authorized purposes. All information, including personal information placed on or sent over this system, may be monitored. Unauthorized use may subject the user to criminal prosecution. Evidence of unauthorized use collected during monitoring may be used for administrative, criminal or other adverse action. The required warning banner may be downloaded from <https://compusec.robins.af.mil/>

Extra DD Forms 2056 can be ordered from organizational forms managers, Kinsey said. Anyone with questions may call him at 926-3800.

Air Force combats insider threat

Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Simply put, espionage is the act of spying to obtain intelligence information. To borrow a phrase from the former comic strip character, Pogo, "We have found the enemy, and he is us." Research has shown that the overwhelming number of Americans arrested for spying the past 20 years have been volunteers or "insiders." How do we look for "insider" spies? One of the things counterintelligence specialists look for is irregular or suspicious behavior. Some common personality characteristics include arrogance, greed and jealousy.

However, any lifestyle activity that is inconsistent with commonly acceptable behavior should be questioned. For example, unexplained wealth, purchases of high-value items, frequent domestic or foreign travel for no apparent purpose, excessive use of classified computers or questionable visits by friends or family from foreign countries. Any of these examples should raise our security awareness.

Counterintelligence specialists look for irregular patterns of behavior, because spying or the intelligence collection activities of our enemy is frequently revealed by their unusual or irregular behavior. Too often, the unusual behavior pattern of the spy is only identified after the spy is caught in his illegal activity.

Unfortunately, the "insider" threat within the U.S. Air Force is real, and we do not really know how widespread the problem behavior is. What is reported to security and law enforcement appears to be only the tip of the iceberg. It is important to remember opportunity equals temptation, and your personal acquaintances and co-workers might very well be the next "insider threat."

Early detection of irregularities through the recognition of unusual behavior patterns of people can help counterintelligence specialists identify spies and espionage activities directed against our national security.

The detection of irregularities or unusual behavior patterns is every citizen's responsibility. Early detection of questionable lifestyle practices that are inconsistent with the norm will aid in the neutralization of espionage efforts directed against the United States. All Americans bear the responsibility to report suspicious behavior to security or law enforcement authorities.

The key elements in fighting the insider threat are security awareness and reporting the threat. Security awareness requires that people make an effort to identify peculiar or unusual situations or behavior. The threshold for reporting suspicious behavior or activity is low. Therefore, when in doubt, report the unusual behavior or activity to your supervisor, local security or AFOSI. A person can contact AFOSI and remain anonymous if they desire. If necessary, special agents will protect the person's identity.

To counter the espionage threat, it is important that people be aware of their surroundings, and that they report anything "irregular" or out of the ordinary to AFOSI or other law enforcement authorities.

For more questions, or to report suspicious incidents, call the Counterintelligence Branch of AFOSI Det 105 at DSN 468-2141.

78th ABW Security Forces will now offer gateside service

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The 78th Security Forces Squadron has come up with two innovations — a sort of drive-through decal renewal and a full day's decal renewal program, both designed to eliminate customer waiting times in its pass and registration office.

Beginning about two weeks ago, gate guards began stopping drivers whose decals were about to expire so that they could offer them on-the-spot renewals good for two years. Drivers fill out a form, produce their proof of insurance, driver's license, registration and a valid identification. The process takes just a few

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minutes, and security forces are prepared to issue renewal decal — birth month and year of expiration — immediately.

The second innovation is a day-long promotion devoted to issuing vehicle decals. Master Sgt. Chris McCary, non-commissioned officer in charge of Security Forces Operations Support, and four or five other members of his team will be at

the Smith Community Center Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to issue vehicle decals. Vehicle decals will be the only service available that day.

"Our goal is to reduce the lines at the pass and registration office and to get all of our customers served as quickly as possible," McCary said.

He said the majority of the pass and registration office traffic is for people needing new vehicle decals. Finding new ideas to serve the customer service sector should help cut down on the waiting times for customers at the pass and registration office. For the last calendar year, the office served more than 63,000 customers for all services, including decals.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Airman 1st Class Lillie Swafford, with the 78th Pass and Registration Office, checks the month decal on one of the vehicles at Robins.

Air Force campaign overhauls spare-parts process

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force logistics community is undertaking a campaign to modernize and fundamentally reshape its entire spare-parts process to better support expeditionary operations and to put more spares in the hands of maintainers.

"Through the decade of the 90s, the Air Force has seen its mission-capable rates and spares support decline," said Brig. Gen. Robert E. Mansfield Jr., director of the office of supply chain integration and logistics transformation at the

Pentagon. "We simply didn't have enough spares to support our new expeditionary structure."

The eight initiatives are:

- Restructure spares funding to set stable prices and allocate costs to the responsible commands;
- Improve spares budgeting by establishing a single credible spare-requirement process for spares and consumable items, thereby meeting all spares requirements;
- Improve financial management by tracking execution of weapon system support against approved requirements and budget. Simply put, determine

whether the Air Force is getting a mission-capable rate equivalent to the amount it is spending;

- Improve item demand and repair workload forecasting to better match field spares demand and repair capability. This includes a demonstration of commercial technologies like advanced planning and scheduling systems;
- Establish a virtual single inventory control point for more consistent repair and purchase decision making;
- Align supply-chain management to focus more on weapon systems and mission-capable rate goals;
- Standardize and expand the role of

regional supply squadrons to support expeditionary operations; and

- Adopt improved purchasing and supply management practices, thereby reducing purchasing costs and improving product quality and delivery.

"Any one of these initiatives taken by themselves won't make a tremendous impact," Mansfield said. "But together, these initiatives will overhaul the entire spares process by getting spares into the hands of the maintainers and enabling the Air Force to improve weapon system support to meet current and future expeditionary requirements."

Service members see change in BAS

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Enlisted people are seeing a change in the way basic allowance for subsistence is added to their leave and earning statements.

Effective Jan. 1, BAS became a \$241.60 monthly entitlement, like officer BAS, for all enlisted people who have graduated from basic military training.

For those who graduate after Jan. 1, BAS starts the day of graduation. Because this is a monthly rate, it will not fluctuate from month to month.

BAS will increase each January based on the annual percentage increase of U.S. Department of Agriculture food costs.

Enlisted people E-1 through E-6 permanently assigned to single-type government quarters are entitled to BAS and may also be assigned to essential station messing, said Master Sgt. Tamra Miller, travel and contingency policy chief.

This means they receive the BAS entitlement, but may be charged the discount meal rate for all meals made available by the government dining facility.

"Charges, at the discount meal rate, will be directly deducted from the member's pay account," she said. "Members directed to use the dining facility will have three meals a day deducted from their pay whether meals are eaten or not."

Meal rates deducted as of Jan. 1, are: \$1.35 for breakfast and \$2.70 each for lunch and dinner. This will leave people on ESM an average residual amount of \$40 per month, which is slightly higher than partial-rate BAS, Miller said.

However, not everyone living in a dormitory will be on ESM, Miller said.

"Exceptions may be made only when assigned duties prevent a member from being

provided at least 80 percent of their government meals on a regular basis," she said. "If a member consistently misses more than 18 meals per month, the commander should consider removing them from ESM and allow BAS without deduction."

Commanders are required to demonstrate that meals are missed because of assigned duties. Some examples include the location of the person's residence; specialized duties such as band, honor guard or chauffeur; duty hours; and distance to a dining facility.

Before removing a person from ESM, commanders must show that the person missed more than 20 percent of his or her meals for at least seven months in a 12-month period. However, commanders may forecast the 12-month period if historical data is not available, Miller said. This is appropriate when people under similar circumstances miss more than 20 percent of their meals on a consistent basis.

People assigned to ESM who miss meals because of assigned duties may still claim missed meals. Missed meals will be reimbursed on a per-meal basis at the rations-in-kind-not-available rate.

For ESM people, meal rates will also not be deducted during periods of regular and permissive temporary duty, leave or while a member is hospitalized in a uniform service medical treatment facility.

People automatically authorized to mess separately are E-7 to E-9; enlisted people residing with their command-sponsored family members; and military couples assigned to the same installation or adjacent installations who maintain common family quarters.

Other changes to BAS include the payment of the RIKNA rate. The Fiscal 1998 National Defense Authorization Act elim-

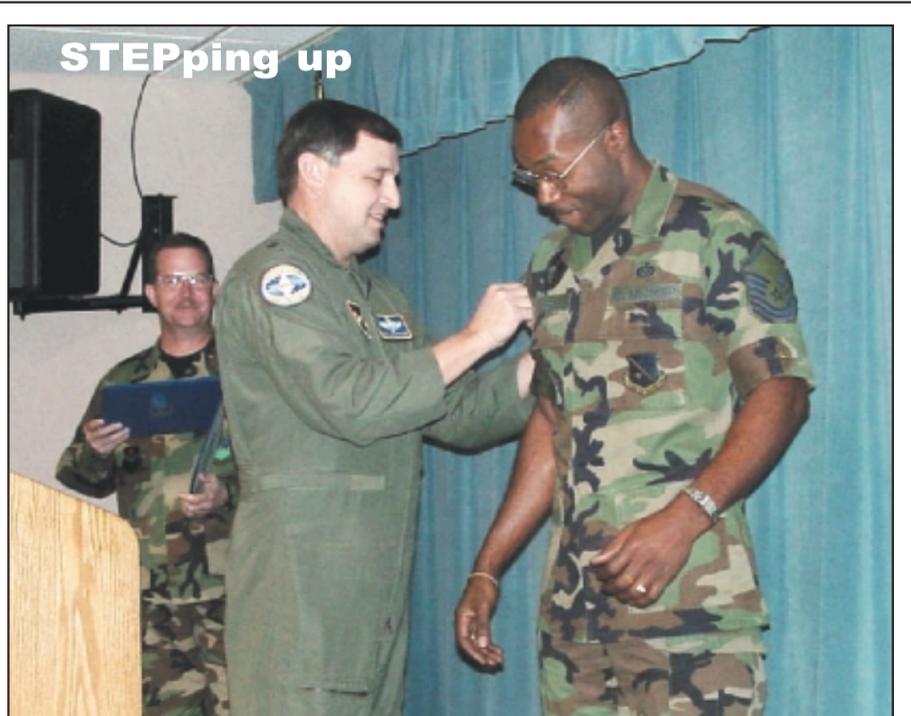
inated this payment upon the completion of reform. This year's act includes a provision to grandfather the rate.

"The RIKNA rate will not be subject to annual increases, but provisions to receive the rate are grandfathered until the regular BAS rate equals or exceeds the RIKNA rate," Miller said. "It's estimated to be eliminated by 2005."

This rate is \$262.50 per month.

Officers are also seeing a change in their BAS. Effective Jan. 1, the 1 percent growth cap for officer BAS is lifted. Officer BAS now increases annually by the same percentage as enlisted BAS. This rate is \$166.37 for 2002.

For more information, contact local commander support staffs or finance offices.



Courtesy photo

Lt. Gen. Donald A. Lamontagne, Air University commander, visited the Robins Non-commissioned Officers Academy on Jan. 11 to present Tech. Sgt. Micheal A. Lee with a promotion to master sergeant. Lee earned the Stripes to Exceptional Performers promotion as a flight instructor at the Robins NCO Academy.

Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan offers many tax benefits

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Officials are hoping that tax benefits will convince people to take advantage of the Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan before the open season ends Jan. 31.

Program benefits include contributions from pre-tax dollars, accumulation of tax-deferred earnings, and compounding interest. Contributors also receive additional tax savings from the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

People who participate in the TSP during tax years 2002 through 2006 may be eligible for a tax credit on their Federal income tax return for each year they contribute to the plan, said Maj. Jeffrey T. Keef,

chief of Air Force military estate and special pays policy at the Pentagon.

For married people who file a joint return, the maximum credit is 50 percent of each taxpayer's contribution up to \$2,000, which would amount to a combined credit of \$2,000. For single people, the maximum credit is \$1,000.

"In effect, the government would be returning to some participants up to half of their contributions in the form of tax credits," Keef said. "This amounts to free money for some of our members who should really be giving this a serious look."

The amount of the tax credit may be offset by any taxable distribution paid directly to them by the TSP. This benefit, called the saver's tax credit and found in Internal

Revenue Code section 25B, phases out at an adjusted gross income of \$50,000 if married filing jointly, \$37,500 if head of household, or \$25,000 if single or married filing separately.

Similar credits are available to people who contribute to an individual retirement account or similar plan. More information on the saver's tax credit is available on the Internet.

Another important reason to sign up now rather than later affects people who are anticipating bonuses during the next few months, Keef said. Even though an election for bonus pay contributions can be made at any time, people must have already enrolled in TSP during an open season in order to make an election for a bonus.

Combat zone tax exempt pay is not subject to the \$11,000 elective deferral limit, Keef said, which means that people who qualify for it may make higher contributions from incentive, special and bonus pays. Therefore, people who anticipate deploying to a combat zone tax exempt area after the close of the open season may also want to consider signing up before the current season expires.

The next open season will be May 15 through July 31.

There are two ways to sign up for TSP. People can submit a form, which is at the finance or military personnel flight, to their financial services office. Or, the easier option is to make an election via the Internet by visiting the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Web site.

If people enrolled and made an election in December, deductions will be made to the January mid-month and end-of-month pay with their contribution being sent to the TSP recordkeeper at the end of January. Accounts will be set up and people will receive a new account letter with a PIN to make transactions via the TSP Thriftline or Web site in early February. At that point, people will be able to allocate among the various funds. If people enroll in January, these events all happen one month later.

For more information on the TSP, review the Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services booklet, available from MPFs or online.

The AFPC Contact Center can be reached at (800) 558-1404.

Air Force officers asked to provide suggestions for assignment process

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force Personnel Center officials here are asking officers to provide online feedback about the officer assignment process through a survey being e-mailed Jan. 15 to more than 15,000 people.

The survey is the second opportunity for officers to give formal feedback to the personnel center since the assignment system's inception in 1998.

Those who receive the e-mail will be asked to click on a Web link and answer 29 general questions and give insight about the effectiveness of the Air Force assignment system and its associated technology. The survey, planned for every two years, gives personnel officials a way to monitor officers' attitudes about the assignments process.

There is also a separate portion of the survey only for commanders. It

includes 23 questions about the effectiveness of the AFAS from a commander's viewpoint. The commander's questions will help determine if the AFAS is placing the right officer in the right job, personnel officials said.

More than two-thirds of the current officer force has already been assigned through AFAS, said Capt. Patricia Rodriguez-Rey, chief of assignment procedures here. "We are interested in making AFAS the best possible assignments system. Any feedback given by those participating will be valuable into making this happen."

An AFAS review group will convene here March 4 to 8 to discuss the findings, compare the feedback with previous survey results and make suggestions to policy-makers at the Pentagon.

Questions about the survey can be directed to AFPC at (210) 565-4098, or DSN 665-4098. (Article courtesy of AFPC News Service.)



Survey focuses on organizational climate

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kinkade
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — For the first time since its launch in 1997, the Air Force chief of staff survey will focus solely on organizational climate issues.

The survey will be available online Jan. 22 to March 8 and has been redesigned to gauge what Air Force people think about management and work-related topics. The 1997 and 1999 versions of the survey also asked respondents about quality-of-life issues in the service.

"Based on previous feedback, we've significantly improved this year's survey," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "The size of the survey has been cut in half, focusing entirely on issues such as leadership and supervision, job characteristics, resources, values, communication, training, teamwork, and recognition."

The survey will help define the Air Force of the future, and has

adopted the motto "Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow" to encourage as many people as possible to take the 45-minute survey, officials said.

Quality-of-life issues are addressed in a separate survey, said officials with the survey development team at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Previous surveys resulted in a series of changes at all levels of the Air Force.

For example, following the 1999 survey, Electronic Systems Command officials decided to drop an initiative that would have converted 54 military positions at Hanscom AFB, Mass., to civilian jobs after military people at the base raised concerns about extensive additional duties.

The survey was also the catalyst

for increasing Hanscom's military presence by 10 percent.

Also, a host of bases improved or added recognition programs after survey results were sent to commanders. Many bases developed additional leadership programs for both officers and enlisted

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people, and commanders worldwide launched several organization streamlining programs to reduce inefficiencies in their commands.

Officials said the survey is useless unless people participate and commanders follow up on results.

"At this time, we need the vector check on the health of our organizations and leadership our people can provide," Jumper said. "To achieve valid results, we absolutely need maximum participation."

Air Force satellite launch a success

Air Force Print News

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. — The Air Force successfully launched a Titan IV-B rocket carrying a MILSTAR II communications satellite from Space Launch Complex 40 here Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. EST.

Successful separation and orbital insertion of the satellite occurred early Wednesday, about six-and-a-half hours after liftoff.

“The satellite is on target and its solar arrays deployed as planned,” said Capt. Patrick Youngson, chief of the MILSATCOM operations section at Air Force Space Command headquarters. “We have a fully functional satellite in the proper orbit.”

MILSTAR II is the Department of Defense’s most technologically advanced telecommunications satellite.

“The importance of this particular satellite is that it will complete world-

wide coverage for our (MILSTAR) constellation,” said Christine Anderson, director of the military satellite communications joint program office at the Space and Missile Systems Center.

MILSTAR is a joint-service satellite communications system that will provide secure, jam-resistant worldwide communications to meet the essential wartime requirements for high-priority military users. The multi-satellite constellation will link command authorities with a wide variety of resources, including ships, submarines, aircraft and ground stations.

The Air Force had significant firepower in place for the launch to counter any possible terrorist threat. F-15 Eagles from the 125th Fighter Wing at Jacksonville, Fla., flew combat air patrol missions over the base here on days leading up to the launch, as well as on launch day. There were also several ground assets deployed in the area.

“As we demonstrated for the shuttle

launch in December and again for this launch, the Air Force will take all reasonable measures to protect America’s national space assets and missions,” said Maj. Mike Rein, 45th Space Wing. “And we plan on doing it for all future launches as well.”

The Titan IV-B rocket completed its portion of the mission about nine minutes after liftoff, then it separated from the MILSTAR II satellite and the Centaur upper stage that boosted the satellite into its orbit. The MILSTAR II satellite should become operational in approximately 120 days.

“It was a beautiful flight,” said Lt. Col. Dave Jones, Air Force Launch Director.

“All the members of our Titan team can be justifiably proud that we launched a satellite that will extend America’s global reach, global power and global vigilance. It will make a difference for us in the war on terrorism and future conflicts.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Carleton T. Baillie

A Titan IV-B rocket carrying a MILSTAR II communications satellite lifts off from Cape Canaveral Air Station, Fla., on Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. EST.

C-141 crew delivers detainees to Cuba

Air Force Reserve Command News Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — An Air Force Reserve Command aircrew from the 445th Airlift Wing here delivered the first Taliban and al-Qaida detainees to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on Jan. 11.

The all-volunteer aircrew transported 20 detainees to Cuba aboard a C-141 Starlifter aircraft, a long-range troop and cargo plane. The crew returned home Jan. 13.

Besides reservists from here, C-141 aircrews and aircraft maintainers from the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.; and the 459th AW, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., took part in the operation. Other reservists participating were from the 440th AW’s airlift control element, from Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Wis., and security forces from around the command.

For security reasons, the names of the airmen are not releasable, but crewmembers shared their impressions of the first flight of its kind for Operation Enduring Freedom.

“It was nothing like any normal mission, but the same rules apply as with any flight” said one of the loadmasters, a senior master sergeant. “You do what you do as safely as possible.”

The mission demanded teamwork, not only among the aircrew but also among Air Force security forces, including several airmen from the 445th Security Forces Squadron assigned to the flight to manage the movement of the detainees.

“The main difference was the cargo,” said the pilot, a lieutenant colonel with nearly 20 years’ experience in C-141s. “Nobody relaxed, but I had no concerns on the airplane. Security measures were rock solid.”

This crew’s flight, which took place four months to the day after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was the first of many. Facilities for up to 2,000 detainees are being built at Guantanamo Bay.

The Guantanamo Bay detention facility will house hard-core terrorists, those who have demonstrated a willingness to escape, take their own lives or kill others, said Defense Department sources. Locking up the terrorists supports the global war on terrorism.

‘American Taliban’ charged in Federal court

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
USA American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — John Walker Lindh, the so-called American Taliban member who was captured after a November prison uprising in Afghanistan, has been charged in federal court.

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced the charges in a press conference today.

Walker, who goes by his mother’s last name, was charged in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

The charges included conspiracy to kill nationals of the United States of America overseas; providing material support and resources to designated foreign terrorist organizations; and engaging in prohibited transactions with the Taliban.

Walker could face life in prison if convicted of all charges, Ashcroft said.

“The United States does not casually or capriciously charge one of its own citizens with providing support to terrorists,” Ashcroft said. He said the events of Sept. 11

compelled him to do so today.

Ashcroft said the charges are based on voluntary statements Walker made after being captured.

The complaint against Walker alleges he knowingly and purposely allied himself with terrorist organizations.

“(Walker) chose to embrace fanatics, and his allegiance to those fanatics and terrorists

never faltered, not even with the knowledge that they had murdered thousands of his countrymen,” Ashcroft said.

The attorney general said Walker is in the process of being transferred from U.S. military control to the FBI. He offered no further details.

Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John

Stufflebeem said Jan. 14 that Walker was still being held aboard the USS Bataan.

Walker was captured after a deadly late-November prison uprising at Mazar-e Sharif, in which CIA officer Johnny “Mike” Spann was killed.

“The United States does not casually or capriciously charge one of its own citizens with providing support to terrorists.”

John Ashcroft
Attorney General

Image setting goes beyond wearing a uniform

By Tech. Sgt. Ginger Schreitmueller
Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. – They were young and in a hurry.

It didn't take much by looking at them to draw a few obvious conclusions. Short haircuts and unit logos on the sweatshirts gave them away. That's what made the events harder to understand.

Maybe they were going home on leave for the first time in a long while. Maybe they had just returned from "over there" and were anxious to be with family. No matter what the underlying need for speed was, those men were in a hurry.

Unfortunately for them, getting the jump on the seatbelt light didn't make the egress line move any faster. The slow down was due to the new parents seated in the first row of the airplane. Packed to the limit with a diaper bag, car seat and stroller, they were loaded down and moving slowly. The baby, all dressed in her holiday finest, couldn't have been more than 2 months old. Mom and dad were making their first trip on a plane with their child and had packed for every imaginable disaster en route.

The young men had managed to bully their way through the plane's aisles, but were now bogged down by the parents. The sound of their exasperated sighs could be heard throughout the plane.

"I hope you don't judge all military people by the poor example of some. I would never have walked past without offering to help. I understand what it's like to travel with a little one, and my parents raised me a little better than that."

Led by the young parents, the passengers walked toward the terminal. Reaching the stairs to go up, the young men saw their chance. They broke right and took the stairs with full force – nearly knocking over the mom dragging along the tons of baby accessories. Reaching the first landing, they bolted past the dad who was making the first trip up the stairs with stroller and baby in tow.

As I neared the mom, she yelled after them, "Apparently you don't mind serving your country, but lending a hand is another story. Don't they teach common courtesy in the military?"

I apologized for their behavior and offered to lend a hand. She hesitated, but I told her I remember my first airplane flight with my son.

"He was about 6 months old and we traveled from Texas to Guam. I had four times the stuff you have now, and no one helped. I remember the challenge of traveling, especial-

ly with a newborn."

She thanked me as I easily grabbed the diaper bag, small suitcase and car seat.

Walking beside me she went on and on about how rude those "military kids" were. At the top of the stairs, the parents thanked me for the assistance adding they wondered why military people were so rude.

I put the baby gear down and extended my hand, apologizing for the behavior of those three young men.

"I hope you don't judge all military people by the poor example of some. I would never have walked past without offering to help. I understand what it's like to travel with a little one, and my parents raised me a little better than that," I said.

I started to walk away, then turned back.

"By the way, I'm a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, and I hope that's the image you'll remember about military people. Have a great trip and a wonderful holiday showing off the new baby."

Simple courtesy. It's not something unique to the military or the civilian communities. Whether in or out of uniform, things you say and do directly reflect on who you are.

Keep in mind, even out of uniform people can often tell by your dress and appearance that you are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Make sure whatever you do or say, brings credit to the uniform you wear. (Commentary courtesy of Night Flyer News Service.)

Commander's Action Line

Action Line provides me with a direct line of communication to the men and women of the Robins Air Force Base team. It is intended for questions, comments and suggestions of a constructive nature that will make this center and base a better place to work and live.

You may call 926-2886 day or night, or email to one of the following addresses: If sending from the military email system select WRALC/CCX Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial email account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.) use action.line@robins.af.mil. All

Action Line items receive my personal attention. Items of base-wide interest will be published in the Robins Rev-Up.

Maj. Gen. Dennis G. Haines
Warner Robins ALC commander



Working next to taxiway

Q: I have a safety issue on C-5 fuels. Our fuel teams are required to go into tanks to do hazardous work — crawl around in tanks with fuel repairs, sealant and dangerous chemicals. We have a problem with where we need to put our aircraft. Right now the one we are working on is on Charlie 1, which is right next to an active taxiway. This is strictly against Air Force-wide policy. This is a safety issue.

The perfect spot would be Charlie 2 which is on the south end of the flight line, there is no traffic down there, no other airplanes, so if we did have a catastrophe or if something happened that went wrong we would not involve other C-5 aircraft that would be damaged and possibly something bad or extra personnel riding around on the flight line. We have tried to explain this is the perfect place but no one seems to think so. The space is not being utilized by anyone. We also use Nancy 10, 16 and 22, which is congested with airplanes and traffic. This is not the best place to do fuel repairs. Charlie 2 would be an excellent place, and I urge you to seek out our supervisors on this matter. They are the ones that told us to put the aircraft by the taxi way and they said it was OK. This is not a management decision, this is an Air Force policy. I would appreciate you looking into this.

A: Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your concern about fuel cell work safety. Safety is paramount in all things at this center and permeates through and through our daily activities from aircraft maintenance to wearing seatbelts. Our success is due to people like you who understand the importance of working safely on a daily basis. In reference to your particular concern about C-5 fuel cell work — as you know spots N22, N16 and N10 are C-5 primary fuel repair stations. However, all the spots had aircraft on them, so C-5 leadership coordinated and sought approval with base operations and base safety before working fuel cell work at spot C1 before Nov. 25. This was accomplished to ensure fuel cell maintenance was accomplished safely. As a result of your call, we are doing a complete review of our fuels and hazardous maintenance actions and updating our operating instruction. Thank you for your continued efforts to work our aircraft maintenance safely.

Retirement briefing needed

Q: My question is right after the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, there was a retirement briefing scheduled in the base theater for base personnel who would be retiring soon. It is quite understandable why it was cancelled because of the circumstances. However, I wonder when another one is going to be scheduled. There are a number of us who will be eligible soon to retire and we would like to make an informed decision about whether to go ahead and retire or not. That briefing would be very helpful to us in making our decision. I would also like to suggest if one is rescheduled that those nearest to retirement be given priority over those who are further away if the briefing is over subscribed.

A: Thank you for your inquiry concerning the scheduling of a civilian pre-retirement briefing. We are going to postpone group retirement briefings for a while due to the surge in work load on many of our weapon systems. However, we are still offering individual briefings to any employee who is planning to retire in the near future. We understand making a decision to retire is a difficult

one and we would like to be able to provide you the necessary information to aid you in making the right decision. Call the benefits and entitlements unit at 926-5307 if you would like to schedule an individual briefing.

Pass and ID closed for training

Q: My temporary pass runs out at midnight tonight. I got off at 1 p.m. today, which I normally do. I went to pass and ID and they were closed for training. Number one, this was not published. I knocked on the door, the lady came up and I said I need to get this renewed. She said I had to go up to pass and ID and get a one-day pass and come back tomorrow. I said OK. I went to pass and ID, pass and ID said they would not renew the pass because the one they would give me would expire at midnight tonight just the same as the one I have which I think is wrong. If I am right, those things would expire in 24 hours, which would make it at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow not midnight tonight. It just seems that they have their own set of regulations and it does not seem like they are trying to be customer oriented at all. I understand we are under tight security and everything. When something like this happens I would like to get this situation taken care of.

A: Thanks for your concern. The visitor control center, which you referenced to as pass and registration, should have given you a 72-hour pass for your vehicle. We do apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you, and in the future our personnel at pass and registration will contact the visitor control center when we are sending personnel to them for issuance of passes. Pass and registration advertised closing for administrative and training purposes in the Rev-Up in June and will again use the Rev-Up and marquee to ensure the base populace is aware of our procedures. We will better use the visitor control center to continue pass and registration services while our primary office is in training and meeting administrative requirements. Once again, we apologize for any inconvenience.

Social Security numbers on IDs

Q: There appears to be some confusion concerning identification cards. I had mine renewed in Oct. 1, and they did not put the Social Security Administration number on it. Now I'm being told it is mandatory, even after I called the base ID office and they said it wasn't. What is the correct answer?

A: Thank you for your call, because I was not aware of this issue. I discovered that the SSAN had been placed under the ID picture for more than 15 years based on a suggestion that was approved by the base suggestion office. Approximately one month ago, a security manager called pass and registration and questioned the need for the SSAN. My pass and registration supervisor researched AFI 36-3026 and found that the SSAN must be immediately below the photograph only when the verifying official includes a requirement in the DD Form 1172 (Application for ID Card and DEERS Enrollment,) block 89. The AFI also said, "When mission needs require it, add the SSAN for employees who perform frequent temporary duty or other duties that call for SSAN validation." Our pass and ID and civilian personnel office has determined that these are not normal situations for our civilian employees;

therefore, we will no longer put the SSAN on the civilian ID card. Hope this settles the confusion.

Reserved parking spaces

Q: I realize that security police are extremely busy at this time, and others realize this also as they have been taking the liberty of using the "C" parking places at the base exchange and the commissary. A reminder would be beneficial that reserved parking slots are for decal vehicles only.

A: You are absolutely correct; only individuals with the appropriate stickers on their vehicles are authorized to park in reserved parking spots. If you notice individuals illegally parked in reserved parking spaces, and are willing to provide our security forces a written description of the vehicle and license tag, they will request action from the individual's commander, if military, or appropriate civilian supervisor. Thank you for bringing this to my attention; if you have further concerns about misuse of reserved parking spaces, other illegal parking practices or traffic violations, do not hesitate to contact either Chief Master Sgt. Mike Brodzinski, our Security Forces manager, at 926-5137, or Capt. Don Robertson, our operations Superintendent at 926-2118. Although our security forces are extremely busy, they will continue to do their best to maintain traffic safety and adherence to traffic markings and appreciate the help from others as they provide this service.

Kudos

Sir, I thought it fitting to send you a quick note to let you know that we have heroes here at Robins Air Force Base serving our country, military and citizens in a variety of ways. My wife and I just had our third child two months ago and, shortly after his birth, I had to go on a temporary duty assignment. While I was gone my wife had an upper respiratory infection that caused her platelet count in her blood to reach dangerously low levels. She had to be hospitalized and I was immediately returned from my TDY to be by her side and to care for our three children. While this was going on, we received a letter from the housing office on the unsatisfactory condition of our yard and its excessive leaves. I called the housing office to explain our situation and they directed me to call Steve Graham of Paradise Lawn Service for assistance. After explaining our situation and asking for his help, he came to our home and blessed us beyond what we could have ever asked. Although we had already removed the leaves several times this year, they were still piled high. Steve Graham showed up at our home on a Friday afternoon and offered his time, services, wear and tear on his own personal equipment and expertise for free. There are many people serving America and Americans in many ways. His contribution to me and my family during this season and time of high stress and frequent deployments cannot, and should not, be overlooked. In our eyes, he's a true patriot and a personal hero because he allowed me to focus my time, efforts and money on taking care of my family in our hour of need, which will in turn help me as a military member expeditiously get back to my job and the business of securing our freedom that we're all engaged in. God Bless Steve Graham and all those like him. Because of him, America and Americans will continue to be the light on the hill that shines for all to see. How do you spell "Service Before Self?" I'll tell you how — you spell it Steve Graham.



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Senior Airman Brande Barkley uses a noncontact tonometer to examine Master Sgt. Michael Russey's eyes for signs of glaucoma.

'Silent disease' plagues millions

By Richard Zowie
Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — It is a painless, chronic disease that currently plagues about 3 million Americans. Half of those with this disease, which has no known cure, do not even know they have it.

This disease, glaucoma, is also known as the "silent disease" since it slowly deprives a person of sight without any noticeable signs.

Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the United States and the leading cause of preventable blindness, Glaucoma Research Foundation officials said. About 120,000 Americans are blind because of glaucoma.

Blacks suffer glaucoma six to eight times more frequently than Caucasians. Glaucoma is also the leading cause of blindness among blacks, including baseball star, Kirby Puckett, officials said.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that limit or eliminate vision by causing damage to the optic nerve. This nerve carries images from the eye to the brain. The most common form of glaucoma is primary open angle glaucoma.

With this disorder, the eye's drainage canals become clogged and cannot properly drain. As a result, the intraocular pressure within the eye rises. A person suffering from this form of glaucoma will eventually lose their eyesight if the problem is not diagnosed or detected.

Glaucoma does not initially affect a person's color or fine vision, said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Greg Young, Randolph Clinic's optometry flight commander.

People with 20/20 or even 20/15 vision could still have glaucoma, he said. "We high-

ly recommend that at-risk people have glaucoma exams more often than others," Young said. "At-risk people include African-Americans, people over 40 and those with a family history of glaucoma. If we target those who are high-risk, we can detect and treat it earlier. These are the people we want to screen for glaucoma every year."

If a medical screening detects glaucoma, patients are given eye drops or referred for more specialized treatment.

Eye drops are used for patients with mild cases of glaucoma, Young said. The drops work to decrease a person's intraocular pressure low enough to prevent damage to the eye.

"Usually, through an assortment or a combination of the drops, you can get the required effect," he said.

Young encourages people in at-risk groups to have eye exams every year. For people not in risk groups, he recommends an eye exam every two to three years.

"Bottom line, it's important that detection and prevention come before intervention and treatment," he said.

There are some things people can do to keep pressures low and damage to a minimum, Young said. Studies have shown that long distance runners have lowered their pressures significantly.

Also, keeping the optic nerve nourished with a healthy blood supply can be accomplished through regular exercise along with eating a well-balanced diet or taking multivitamins.

For more information on glaucoma, people should call or visit their optometry clinic. (Article courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service.)

Robins couple watches weight shrink away

By Lanorris Askew
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A new wardrobe, a new attitude and a meeting with royalty were the results of a year of successful weight watching and team work for a Robins Air Force Base couple.

Lisa and Charlie O'Hara never dreamed when they embarked on their weight loss journey in January 2001 that it would one day lead to a meeting with the Duchess of York and the sharing of their success story with thousands of others. This, however, was exactly what happened on Jan. 13 after they were chosen by their Weight Watchers group leader to meet the duchess, Sarah "Fergie" Ferguson, a Weight Watchers spokesperson, and share their dramatic results during a rally in Atlanta.

During the rally, the O'Hara's met face to face with Ferguson and shared their story and learned hers as well.

"We were very nervous, especially being in front of so many people," said Charlie. "She was very nice, though."

After showing off their old clothes, sized 22 for Lisa and 40 for Charlie, and their new ones sized, 12 and 30 respectively, the couple took pictures with the duchess and were guests of a tea where she spoke.

Lisa said they learned they were selected for this honor during a house-hunting trip in Massachusetts and rushed to make it back in time for the trip to Atlanta.

Boasting a combined weight loss total of 135 pounds — Charlie has lost 70 and Lisa has lost 65 — the O'Hara's say they owe it all to the Weight Watchers program.

"Weight Watchers is now a part of our everyday lives," said Lisa.

"Because we did it together, we think that we will continue to succeed and maintain our new lifestyle."

Lisa said she learned about the program from a friend whose daughter had joined earlier. She and the friend's daughter shared the problem of being selective eaters and had tried other methods of weight loss that did not work. After the program was explained to her, she and her husband decided to give it a try.

"We jumped right into the program," said Lisa. "Calculating points, measuring portions and logging everything into our journals." And it worked. "We soon needed to buy smaller sizes instead of bigger ones."

In the year since they began the program, the O'Hara's say they have learned how to eat, not how to diet.

"We still eat some of our favorite foods like pizza, but now we get a medium thin-crust instead of a deep-dish," said Lisa.

They said they get compliments almost daily from those who have watched them during their journey and those who knew them before barely recognize them now. One such episode occurred not long ago when they were meeting Charlie's parents at the airport.

"She didn't recognize us and walked right on past," he said.

One of the best things about the program was that I never felt like I denied myself," said Charlie. "We ate the same things we used to eat and it didn't feel like we were working at it."

Lisa said she doesn't exercise much more than she did before.

"I haven't been this weight since I was 14 years old," said Charlie.

Lisa is excited about her mother seeing the new her. They have



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lisa and Charlie O'Hara show off their old clothes sized, 22 for Lisa and 40 for Charlie. Their new sizes are 12 and 30 respectively.

INSET: Courtesy photo of the O'Haras before they started a new way of eating.



not seen each other in person in six months.

"I am sure she will be very surprised," she said.

Lisa is now only 28 pounds from her goal and says she will continue to work happily toward it.

Eighth grader's idea nets \$10K to help rebuild Pentagon

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Like teachers throughout America, Jim Sisler threw out his lesson plan for Sept. 12, 2001.

Sisler, who teaches West Virginia history at Moorefield Middle School, was more interested in engaging his students in the events of Sept. 11 than he was in local history. He asked his students what they could do to help. Eighth-grader Lasidi Helmick, 13, suggested donating money to rebuild the Pentagon.

Her suggestion turned into lessons in giving and in making government work.

The fruits of the suggestion ended up on Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's desk when he accepted \$10,187.93 raised through the efforts of Helmick and her classmates. The money was the first donation made under the Show Pride in Your Military Act — the recently passed legislation that resulted from the 13-year-old's suggestion.

Moorefield teachers called their congresswoman, Shelley Moore Capito, and asked where they

could send the money. Capito found the federal government had no mechanism to accept such earmarked donations. Working quickly, Capito introduced the Show Pride in Your Military Bill that would allow Department of Defense to accept such money.

At the same time, the Moorefield students were contacting eighth graders throughout West Virginia and the country to donate to their rebuilding fund.

Congress attached Capito's legislation to the 2002 Defense Authorization Bill, which became law when President Bush signed it on Dec. 28.

"We decided on donating to the Pentagon because a lot of us have been to Washington, not too many of us have been to New York," Helmick said. She said the students felt the attack on the Pentagon was "sort of in their backyard" and wanted to help. Moorefield is about two hours west of Washington.

Rumsfeld was obviously pleased to see Helmick and her class at the Pentagon. He joked with the students as they posed for pictures, but spoke seriously to the young women and men as he

thanked them for their efforts.

"There is no question that all of us here, and the men and women of the armed services, are very grateful and appreciate the effort you put in to raise an enormous amount of money," Rumsfeld told the class.

He told the students that the military values teamwork and people working together to accomplish an important goal. There may be brilliant geniuses who go off alone and do things of lasting importance to the world all by themselves, Rumsfeld said, but "all of the rest of us don't do that."



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Ash

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld poses with 13-year-old Lasidi Helmick, Rep. Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, and members of Helmick's eighth-grade class in the Pentagon. The students, from Moorefield (W.Va.) Middle School, presented Rumsfeld with a check Tuesday for \$10,187.93. They raised the money to help rebuild the Pentagon.

"What we do is we work with other people to accomplish things," he continued. "That's what the men and women of the armed services do, and that certainly is what you have done in setting a goal and going out and accomplishing it."



Courtesy photo

Kevin Huggler enjoys fresh air and exercise while following Robins' newly renovated parkours path.

Robins path leads to fitness

Services Marketing

The Robins Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation Center offers an alternate fitness activity for the Robins community with its new parkours.

An eight-station parkours, spaced over a scenic 5-kilometer path, offers fresh air and exercise together. The first station is located across Seventh Street from the fitness center. The path follows the golf course down Seventh Street, through the stable area and around Duck and Scout lakes.

"This development was made possible through AFMC YOFAM '01 funding worth

\$10,000," said Alan Ray, outdoor recreation manager. The parkours, a French word meaning "course," offers 20 exercises in all. The exercise course is scientifically designed to help people of varied fitness levels develop and maintain good physical condition.

"The parkours, if performed regularly, promotes good cardiovascular exercise," said Robert Willis, outdoor recreation aquatics director. Each exercise is explained on a plaque adjacent to the equipment and works a different part of the body.

For more information on the course and station locations, call outdoor recreation at 926-4001.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Spring soccer kicking off

Registration for spring soccer for ages 5 through 18 opens on Jan. 26 and runs through Feb. 2.

Cost for returning players is \$20 for youth center members and \$25 for nonmembers.

Cost for new players is \$45 for youth center members and \$50 for nonmembers. Coaches are also needed for this season. To register or volunteer to coach, contact Ron Hayes or O.J. Wheeler at 926-2110.

Inline hockey starts soon

Inline hockey registration begins on Jan. 26 and runs through Feb. 2. Registration Monday through Friday will be held 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, 1-7 p.m. Kids will be divided into groups for ages 13-16 and 12 and younger.

Robins teams will play in the Macon Sportstowne League. Coaches are also needed for this season. To register or volunteer to coach, contact Ron Hayes or O.J. Wheeler at 926-2110.

Skeet Range 926-4001

The skeet range will be open Monday for the holiday from noon to 6 p.m.

A \$2 trap-shooting day will be offered on Jan. 29 at the skeet range. Cost is \$2 per round of 25 targets.

Fitness Center 926-2128

Massage therapy is available at the fitness center. Victoria Warner, certified massage and sports therapist, accepts appointments between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays. Cost is \$45 per hour or \$35 per half hour. Take \$5 off the first visit through Jan. 31. Gift certificates are available. Call the center to set an appointment or for more information.

The fitness center now offers Kuk Sool Won, a comprehensive martial arts system of rich and varied techniques and traditions from Korea. Classes are offered for juniors ages 5 to 13 Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Adult classes are offered Mondays and Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m., and Sundays, 6:45-8:45. Cost is \$3.50 per class or \$25 per month for juniors and \$4.50 per class or \$35 for adults. Family passes can be purchased for \$80 for four or more family members.

Nutrition Connection, located in the fitness center in Bldg. 876, offers nutritious shakes and smoothies to accompany a hard workout or a refreshing time in the sauna. Call 922-1508 to speak to a staff member.

The fitness center holds open volleyball in the gym every Sunday, 5-8 p.m. All military and their family members ages 16 and older as well as Department of Defense civilians are invited to participate.

All players are guaranteed at least two games.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

Bowl Fridays, 9-11 p.m., to enter the date-night drawing, sponsored in part by the Galleria 10 and Parkway Cinema. Each week the winner of the drawing will receive dinner for two at either the enlisted or officers' club, and two theater passes.

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MLK commemoration ceremony today

The Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemoration Service will be at 11 a.m. today at the Robins Air Force Base Chapel. The national theme of this year's observance is "Remember! Celebrate! A Day On, Not a Day Off." The keynote speaker will be Luther Smith Jr., professor of church and community at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

Comptrollers meet

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will meet on Wednesday at Smith Recreation Center, at 11:30 a.m. for the monthly ASMC meeting and luncheon. Guest speakers will be Regi Gallagher, registered massage therapist, and Kelly Koch. They will discuss techniques to relax and relieve tension. Tickets maybe purchased for \$6.25 for members and \$7.25 for non-

members from Kathy Piper at 327-1410, Mariela Schnable at 926-6718, Capt. Dwayne LaHaye at 327-2954 and Betty Enge at 926-5485.

ETM luncheon

The second Engineering and Technical Management luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 19 at the Robins Air Force Base Officers' Club. The luncheon will honor the base nominees for the AFMC Engineering and Technical Management Awards from Robins AFB. The cost will be \$7.50 per person. All base scientists and engineers are invited. Contact D.R. Moody at 926-6617 for reservations by Feb. 11.

OSC awards

Robins Officers' Spouses Club announces its annual scholastic achievement awards. Scholarships are available to high school seniors entering college in the fall and to OSC members who are pursuing a degree. Applications are available at the Robins Air Force Base

Thrift Shop, Family Support Center, Robins AFB Education Center and at the counselor's office of area high schools. For a complete list of eligibility requirements and an application, contact Nancy Pinaud, scholarship chairperson, at 923-6526. Applications must be postmarked by March 15.

Girl Scout Cookie time is here

Robins Air Force Base Girl Scouts will be taking orders for cookies between now and Jan. 27. The cookies will be delivered after Feb. 12 and payment may be made in advance or on the day of delivery.

They cost \$3.25 per box. Thin Mints, Samoas and Trefoils will still be available for those who do not order in advance. For more information, contact Janice Barnes, Robins AFB cookie chairwoman, at 923-0718.

HONOR ROLLS

Linda Barnwell, a logistics management specialist with the combat avionics support team, Avionics Directorate, was the winner of the LY Director's Silver Eagle Award for the month of November. Barnwell finds innovating solutions to assist the war fighter customer. She works high-profile issues on a daily basis and has proven to be a valued avionics supply advocate.

The U-2 Management Directorate announces its fourth quarter award winners.

Roger Keith Thomas was named Civilian of the Quarter for GS-08 and above. After the Sept. 11 attacks, Thomas began planning for the coming wartime surge prior to any deployment order being issued. His foresight yielded a quick deployment of the U-2 weapon system with a full compliment of sensors and data links to a remote area of the globe. Thomas led a team to complete a request from Air Combat Command for real-time intelligence dissemination from the other side of the globe. Thomas' hard work ensured the success of the Enduring Freedom operation.

Carl E. McCarthy, a packer for the Logistics Division, was named Civilian of the Quarter for GS-07 and below. He is responsible for all classified items as well as several contractor and operating locations. McCarthy's recent efforts include expeditious processing of more than 200 line items for Operation Enduring Freedom. He devoted many extra hours ensuring successful delivery to the deployed location. His efforts contributed significantly to the expedient order and ship time required for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Master Sgt. Warren L. Oliver, automated logistics management support system directorate team lead, was named Supervisor of the Quarter. Through his leadership, ALMSS is

accessible on the Internet with direct contractor interface, including the receipt and shipment of assets. In addition, Oliver is committed to providing exceptional support to the war fighter as demonstrated in satisfying and tracking mission incapability requirements. His dedication is reflected in the total non-mission capable supply rate for the U-2.

Capt. Michael Astahoff, integrated product team leader for a special program, was named Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. Astahoff has successfully led the team in the acquisition of a \$60 million upgrade to the system. This involves four separate prime contractors. He coordinated efforts across these contractors in conjunction with the NATO ally. The improve capability will meet the joint requirements of the U.S. Air Force and the NATO ally well into the future.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

- **Wilbur R. Mathews Jr.**, C-5 System Program Office, C-5 Maintenance Division. Point of contact is Scott Thomas, 926-1817.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.



McCarthy

AFA kicks off membership drive

Air Force Association

Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 of the Air Force Association will host a membership drive kick-off meeting Wednesday at the Robins Conference Center from 9-10 a.m. The membership drive will take place through the end of February. Unit points of contact will receive recruiting packets and training materials at this meeting. This year's membership drive chairperson is Maj. Susan Morgan.

A prime focus of the Air Force Association is aimed at keeping the United States the forerunner in aerospace power. The support of the AFA and its members helps the Air Force in areas such as science technology exploration, research and development, testing and evaluation, production and building as well as recruiting and training.

Another aspect of AFA focus is the continued improvement of quality of life for Air Force members and associates. By closely working with members of Congress and keeping them apprised of essential military programs, AFA ensures the best possible decisions are made for the Air Force. AFA can take claim to major accomplishments such as across-the board pay raises, increased funding for military housing and the refurbishment of child development centers.

AFA represents the entire Air Force family and members come from a broad spectrum of people such as active duty, the National Guard, the Reserves, Department of Defense civilians, military retirees and the community. AFA members have a direct voice on Capitol Hill, thereby maintaining a strong Congressional commitment for the Air Force.

Locally, the Carl Vinson Memorial Chapter 296 has contributed a great deal to the Air Force community. Activities have included co-sponsoring the annual Christmas band concert; sponsoring young astronauts day and the annual statewide Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps drill meet; and raising funds for Museum of Aviation. The AFA has also funded the Aerospace Education Foundation Visions math and science program for about 12 classrooms in Houston County Schools and Robins Air Force Base school system, in addition to rewarding scholarships to deserving airmen and their spouses.

AFA Chapter 296 president Art Bosshart has set a goal of a 6 percent increase or 110 members during the 2002 membership drive. Currently the chapter is the sixth largest group out of 270 AFA chapters nationwide and continues to grow. Membership information and applications will be available through each unit's point of contact, or obtained by calling Morgan at 327-8230.

TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15.

Friday

Robins Report: 8 p.m. - News from around base.

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. - This week's Around Robins will feature a segment on J.R. Rockers, the base stables and a new massage therapy service being offered at the base fitness center.

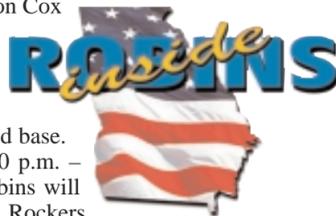
Inside Robins: 9 p.m.

Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**
1 p.m. - **Around Robins**
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**
1 p.m. - **Around Robins**
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**



MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Today — Behind Enemy Lines (PG-13)
Starring Gene Hackman and Owen Wilson.

A navy pilot is shot down over enemy territory and struggles to survive the relentless pursuit of a ruthless secret police enforcer, a deadly tracker and countless hostile troops. With time running out, the injured pilot's commanding officer goes against order to carry out a desperate rescue mission. (war violence and some language)

Saturday — Not Another Teen Movie (R) *

*No one under 17 admitted without a parent
Starring Chyler Leigh and Chris Evans.

In this parody of teen movies, at John Hughes High things perk up at the year-end prom. Jake, the all-American football star, makes a foolish bet to turn Janey, the school outcast, into a prom queen. (strong crude sexual content, humor, language and some drug content)

Jan. 25 — Ocean's 11 (PG-13)

Starring George Clooney and Matt Damon.

Dapper Danny Ocean is a man of action. Less than 24 hours into his parole from a New Jersey penitentiary, he is already rolling out his next plan. He follows three rules: don't hurt anybody; don't steal from anyone who doesn't deserve it; and play the game like you've got nothing to lose. Danny orchestrates the most sophisticated, elaborate casino heist in history. (some language and sexual content)

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services Dining

With temporary changes in work schedules, lunch times for many base employees have also changed. To accommodate customers the enlisted club will offer buffet items, the base restaurant will open its food fair line and Pizza Depot will serve sandwiches, salads and daily specials. Pizza at Pizza Depot will be available at 11 a.m.

Club members who do not have base ID cards can gain access to the base to dine at the clubs by showing their club card and another photo ID to the guard on duty at the gate. For more information, call the Robins Officers' Club at 926-2670 or the Robins Enlisted Club at 926-4515.

Officers' Club 926-2670

A Preferred Plus! membership breakfast will be offered today at the club, 6:30-8 a.m. This meal is complimentary to members and costs \$4 for guests.

Enjoy a seafood buffet on Jan. 25, 6-9 p.m. Reservations are required. No a la carte menu will be offered but crab legs, shrimp, catfish, Maui Maui, chicken breast and round of beef. Cost is \$17.

Bring the children to Kids' Night at the officers' club on Jan. 28, 6-8:30 p.m. with buffet, movies and prizes. This meal is complimentary for children 10-years old and younger.

Aero Club 926-4867

Private pilot ground school will begin on Feb. 8. Cost is \$220 plus cost of books. Call the aero club for more information.

Child Development Center 926-3080

Pajama literacy day will be held on Jan. 25. Children and teachers will spend the day reading stories in their pajamas. Parents and other volunteers are invited to read stories to the children throughout the day.

Base Restaurant 926-6972

All base restaurant customers will have a chance to win with Thank Your Lucky Stars through March 1. Look at receipts for a red star indicating that meal is free, plus half off the next purchase with a \$3 limit. Those who do not receive instant wins can write their name and phone number on the back of a receipt for another chance to win prizes worth \$100 in weekly drawings from the bowling center; Expressions; the base restaurant; Pizza Depot; Information,

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Robins AFB Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

UNISERV Thrift Savings Plan briefing

The Personal Financial Management program is offering a briefing on uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan today, 1-3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127.

To educate individuals, the booklet "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services" is being distributed through the units. However, those who have not received a copy can go to www.tsp.gov for a summary, forms and a question and answer section.

Center closed

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the center and Family Services Loan Closet and Airman's Attic will be closed Monday. Normal services will resume Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the FSC and 10 a.m. for Family Services.

Small business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a starting a business workshop Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Bldg. 905. Call 926-1256 for reservations.

Employment connection

A representative of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C., police department will visit Robins AFB, Thursday, to provide information about employment opportunities with their organization. An informational briefing is scheduled for 9 a.m. and the Darany Entry-Level Police Officer Examination is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon, Robins AFB Museum of Aviation, Heritage Conference Room. Those planning to take the entry-level examination must have a reservation.

For additional information, contact the center at 926-1256.

Resume research, writing

A workshop on resume research and writing will be conducted on Jan. 25, 9 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 905, Room 138. To register for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free money and credit management workshop on Jan. 25, 1-4 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. Call 926-1256 for a reservation.



Tickets and Travel; a massage at the fitness center; or a romantic dinner for two at the officers' club. A grand-prize winner will be drawn at the food show March 1 at 11 a.m. at the base restaurant.

Outdoor Recreation 926-4001

Sign up for a ski trip to Cataloochee, N.C., Feb. 8-10. Cost of \$225 per person includes transportation, lodging, ski rental and lift tickets. A \$50 deposit is due when registering. Register by Wednesday.

Civilian Recreation 922-4415

Civilian recreation bingo is offered every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m. in the base restaurant, Bldg. 166, Byron Street. Cash prizes totaling thousands of dollars are available. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Enlisted Club 926-4515

The club will offer brunch Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This meal is complimentary to primary members and costs \$8.95 for guests and \$11.95 for nonmembers. Brunch is served at the enlisted club the first and third Sunday of each month.

A Preferred Plus! membership dinner will be offered Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. This meal is complimentary to members and costs \$5 for guests and \$10 for nonmembers.

Celebrate Super Bowl Sunday at the enlisted club on Feb. 3 from 6 p.m. to close. Enjoy a dinner buffet, door prizes and more. This event is complimentary to members and costs \$5 for guests and nonmembers.

Club members can win a trip to a regular season National Football League game, the Super Bowl, the Pro Bowl, as well as a trip for four to Disney World or Disneyland with Football Frenzy. Just come to the club to watch any televised football games and fill out an entry form. Club members can also be entered in drawings to win prizes such as T-shirts, CD holders and more. Supporting the Football Frenzy worldwide

promotion this year are Miller Brewing Company, American Airlines, the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Double Tree Alana Waikiki. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Special free offers are available for active duty military and their family members from Walt Disney World, Disneyland, Universal Hollywood and Universal Orlando. For complete details and offer restrictions, visit ITT. Ask about discounted tickets available for other Disney attractions and shows like Disney Quest and Sleuth.

Discounted Macon Whoopee tickets are available at ITT. Tickets are \$10 for lower level and \$7 for upper level. The next home games will be at 7:35 p.m. today against Jackson and Saturday against Columbus.

Base Library 327-7379

Children can enjoy stories and crafts at story time every Monday at 11 a.m. at the base library.

Skills Development Center 926-5282

Sign up now for the oil on canvas class featuring still life. The class begins on Feb. 4, 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$40.

The skills development center is temporarily located in Bldg. 983, 790 10th Street. All services are still available and orders are still being taken for engraving, framing, awards and screen printing. The skills staff would like to remind customers that the auto hobby shop, Bldg. 985, offers all self-service and ASA-certified mechanic needs. Expressions, located in the base restaurant, Bldg. 166, offers gift and recognition items.

Expressions Gift Shop will hold an inventory reduction sale beginning Tuesday. Various arts and craft supplies will be on sale, including below-cost close-out prices on acrylic paints. Call 926-0304 for details.

The auto hobby shop has an experienced automotive service excellence-certified mechanic on duty Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All services are performed with care and precision, and the auto hobby shop has some of the most reasonable rates around. Individuals may visit the shop for self-help Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call the auto hobby shop at 926-2049.

Frequently asked questions

If I am required to move off base, will the traffic management office move me?



If a military member resides in base housing and has been ordered to move out, the military resident is normally responsible for all expenses. The wing commander makes the final determination of whether the government will cover expenses and/or move. For more information, go to [http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OFFICE \(TMO\): 926-2133](http://www.robins.af.mil/fsc/Family%20Activities/guide.htm#TRAFFIC%20MANAGEMENT%20OFFICE).

Pre-TAP briefing

A pre-TAP briefing will be conducted on Jan. 29 1-3 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 250.

The Transition Assistance Program is offering a briefing for personnel and their spouses who are within one to three years of separation or retirement. To register call the Center at 926-1256.

Bundles for babies

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies class on Jan. 30, 10 a.m. to noon, Bldg. 207. Class is specifically designed to assist new parents.

This program is open to all active duty Air Force members and their spouses, who are expecting a child, regardless of rank or number of children in the family.

To register, call the center at 926-1256.

Resume, cover letter workshop

Reservations are being accepted for a resume and cover letter workshop on Jan. 31, 9-11 a.m., Bldg. 905. This class is designed to help the beginner get started and provide the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

Respite care

The Air Force Aid Society Respite Care Program is intended for active duty Air Force families who have a family member with special needs.

The goal of the program is to provide a "break" for a few hours a week or month to families who have the responsibility of 24 hour a day care for an ill or disabled family member.

This person may be a child, spouse, or parent living in the household. AFAS Assistance for respite is based on need — the need for respite time, as well as financial need, and is always given as a grant.

Families are referred to the Air Force Aid Society for respite care through the Exceptional Family Member Program or the Family Advocacy Office.

AMC takes flight with Year of the Warrior Spirit

Black Knights exemplify warrior spirit every day

Editor's Note: Headquarters Air Mobility Command has proclaimed 2002 the Year of the Warrior Spirit. As part of this year's Warrior Spirit activities, those who embody the qualities of the warrior spirit will be presented with the warrior award coin. The 19th ARG has five warrior awards available for 2002. Congratulations to Maj. Mike Koehler, chief of the special operations division, for being the first Black Knight to receive this outstanding award. Maj. Koehler lead the unit's first combat special operations deployment. The following article provides insight into the meaning of this year's theme: Warrior Spirit.



individual. "Everyone plays a role in accomplishing the mission and it is important that everyone knows where they fit in the fight," he said. "One element's job may be time critical, but no job is more important than any other." This new theme is all about getting back to the basics. "Along the way, we have always done a good job taking care of our people," Brady said. "We need to make



By Tech. Sgt. Mitch Gettle
436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (AMCNS) — During a brief visit here Dec. 6, Maj. Gen. Roger A. Brady, Headquarters Air Mobility Command director of operations, took time to sit down and discuss the "Year of the Warrior Spirit," with members of the Dover Team's YoWS committee.

"This year will bring a renewed attitude to the men and women of AMC," said Brady. "The warrior spirit is what we need to have to define ourselves. Everyone who is part of this team needs to know what being a warrior is all about."

Just like any organization, the team is only as good as the combined efforts of each

sure, we all view ourselves as warriors ... as airman first."

History will play a role during the year to help define the warrior and airman image.

"It is, also, important to ensure our peo-



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Tisha Wright
WARRIORS AROUND THE CLOCK — Clockwise from top Capt. David Mazzara pilots a KC-135 for Operation Noble Eagle, Master Sgt. Carmen Smith stays busy working in the personnel office of the Air Generation Squadron, Senior Airman Michael Van Slyke helps get KC-135s off the ground to support current Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom missions and Senior Airman Chris Zahner controls the boom to give "tanker gas."



ple know what our heritage is, and the character that we possess," Brady added. "We do this job because we are surrounded by good people and feel good about what we do. We have great camaraderie in the Air Force, and this job should be fun." As the Air Force enters a

new era following the tragic events in September, it is even more critical that each member has a known identity.

"Right now, we are the people the American public looks up to," Brady said.

"We all need to be role models and need to show the public why we have chosen to do our job in the Air Force."

The true meaning of the "Year of the Warrior Spirit" was stated in one of Brady's comments during the meeting.

"This is a great nation, and this is one team ... one fight ... we are all warriors!"

For more information on the "Year of the Warrior Spirit" at Robins, contact 1st Lt. Jason Work at 327-112.



U.S. Air Force photo by Eric Palmer

Sprague takes command of the 99th ARS

The new 99th Air Refueling Squadron commander said goodbye to his friend and previous commander, Lt. Col. Scott Reese, as he officially took command of the squadron during the ceremony on Dec. 21.

"Lieutenant Colonel Reese has set the bar high and to take charge of such a squadron is an honor and a challenge to continue his excellence," said Lt. Col. David Sprague, commander of the 99th ARS.

"Super Dave (Sprague's nickname)," said Reese, "you have made this the most rewarding experience of my life and I can think of no better person to take charge of the ramrods."

Chief sends 'thank you' to Black Knights

I scratched my head a little bit when first given the opportunity to write this article for only our second edition of the Knightly News. Deciding what an appropriate topic should be was a real struggle at first.

Eventually, however, I realized I was making it a much more difficult task than it really needed to be. I finally understood I didn't need to come up with anything profound, make any earth shattering revelations or even sell any Black Knight mugs for that matter.

It dawned on me that the best and most appropriate message of this article at the start of the new year is to simply say thanks to you, the men and women of the 19th Air Refueling Group, for your unyielding warrior spirit and unprecedented accomplishments over the last year.

You are all my heroes and I salute you for your hard work and commitment to the U.S. Air Force and our great nation.

**Chief Master Sgt. Charles Foley
command chief master sergeant for 19th ARG**



Thank you Black Knights of the 19th Maintenance Squadron for your unwavering determination to send every Air Mobility Command C-5 aircraft back to operational units after an extended ground time for programmed depot maintenance with virtually zero workable discrepancies and mission ready.

The average 1,724 discrepancies per aircraft you cleared over the last year is inspiring and saved countless hours of ground time and premium man-hours at home stations. As a matter of fact, your work in this area has dramatically reduced the number of days required to

return the aircraft to mission-ready status at operational units from 21 days to an average of just seven, providing an additional two aircraft per year to the C-5 fleet.

My hats off to you for your professionalism as you continue to work along side depot personnel to turn out the best strategic airlift possible to our war fighters in the field.

Over to the "Outback" side of the base where the Black Knights of the 19th Aircraft Generation Squadron, 19th Operations Support Squadron and the 99 Air Refueling Squadron provide the horse-

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Teeter chosen for Air Mobility Command's Phoenix Hawk program

By 1st Lt. Tisha Wright
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A captain from the 19th Air Generation Squadron was chosen for Air Mobility Command's prestigious Phoenix Hawk program this month. Capt. Mary Teeter, maintenance supervisor for the 19th AGS, was one of 10 captains within the command to be chosen for the program.

"This is AMC's benchmark leadership development

"She is a talented leader and she deserves the distinction of being one of ten company grade officers in AMC selected for Phoenix Hawk."

**Lt. Col. Bob Dulong
19th AGS commander**



Capt. Mary Teeter

program which dovetails with the Air Force's effort to develop aerospace leaders,"

said Col. Richard E. Fitzhugh, the director of personnel at AMC. According to

Fitzhugh, captains participating in the program have the opportunity to develop in their core specialty with a focus on senior leadership roles.

Officers selected serve one year in the Tanker Airlift Control Center with a follow-on assignment to a headquarters AMC staff directorate.

"I wanted to gain as much experience, knowledge and perspective about the Air Force as I can," said Teeter

about her interest in the program. "I feel pretty honored to be chosen. There were a lot of people in my chain of command that helped me get selected for the Phoenix Hawk program.

Lt. Col. Bob Dulong, commander of the 19th AGS, describes Teeter as the finest company grade officer that he has worked with in 33 years of Air Force service.

"She is a talented leader," said Dulong, "and she

deserves the distinction of being one of ten company grade officers in AMC selected for Phoenix Hawk."

Teeter said there is nothing special about about the way she does her job, but that she loves it.

"Her future is bright in the Air Force," said Dulong, "and I will have her on my short list of candidates for command opportunities."

Teeter will report in late May for her new assignment.

19th ARG BRIEFS

99th ARS, 19th AGS win big at 21st AF level

The 99th Air Refueling Squadron wins the David C. Shilling Award and the Verne Orr Award at the 21st Air Force level for the year 2001. The award recognizes an Air Force individual or unit for the most

outstanding contribution to national defense in the area of manned flight. The second award recognizes an Air Force unit that is most effective in their use of human resources.

"To be recognized by the Air Force Association for this award is so fitting. They are tireless champions for Air Force personnel. Our 99th ARS has gone above and beyond and feel honored by the AFA's selection as best for both awards," said Lt. Col. Dave Sprague, commander of the 99th ARS.

The 19th Air Refueling Squadron wins the 2001 Citation of Honor at the

21st Air Force level. The AGS received the Citation of Honor for the most outstanding contribution to nation defense.

"The men and women of the 19th AGS produce outstanding results in every task they undertake," said Lt. Col. Bob Dulong, the 19th AGS commander. "On Sept. 11 the 19th AGS went right to work and placed the first five sorties in the air within five hours of the attack on America, placing air refueling support where it was needed. I'm proud of the contribution of the warriors from the 19th AGS."

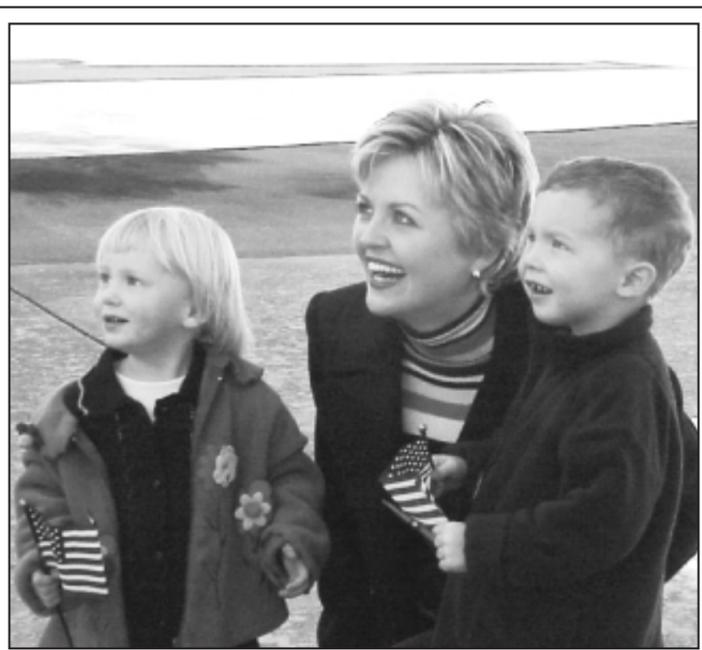
The 99th ARS and the 19th AGS are currently being considered for the same recognition at the HQ-AMC level.

Toys for Tots a Christmas success

The Robins Air Force Base Toys for Tots Program, sponsored by the 19th Air Refueling Group, raised \$8,000 in cash and approximately \$7,000 worth of toys for children affiliated with Robins AFB. The program provided for 100 children and 50 families.

"The fact that we were able to donate \$100 to every family, on top of the donated toys, shows how generous people were this year," said Chief Master Sgt. Charles Foley, chief of the 19th ARG. "It was a great, collective success by everyone on the base."

This is the 21st year that the 19th ARG has hosted the base Toys for Tots program.



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Tisha Wright

Daddy's coming home

Sherry Deresky, center, with her children, Sara and Jacob watch eagerly to greet Capt. Mark Deresky, who returned with a group of 19th Air Refueling Group members who made it home just in time for Christmas. The group returned to Robins on Dec. 20. They were returning from a two-month deployment in the desert.

Contact 1st Lt. Tisha Wright with story ideas, call 926-2137 or e-mail at tisha.wright@robins.af.mil

Chief pays tribute to 19th ARG members

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power to maintain, support and fly the KC-135 Stratotankers. To the women and men of these great squadrons I say thank you for another record-breaking and award-winning year providing fuel for America's combat, cargo and surveillance aircraft.

I am extremely proud of the way you've responded to the call after 9-11. Your around-the-clock commitment in producing 152 sorties during Operation Noble Eagle in defense of our homeland has been absolutely eye watering. Equally inspirational has been your selfless deployment around the world combating terrorism in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. I stand in awe of your accomplishments and war-fighting spirit.

My intent here as a fellow Black Knight, chief and citizen of this great country was, in just some small way, to say thanks and let you know how proud I am of the performance of each and every Black Knight in this group. I also stand in awe and am extremely grateful for the personal sacrifices you and your family make every day in order to protect the freedoms our forefathers fought so very hard to preserve over the years. You are all my heroes and I salute you for your hard work and commitment to the U.S. Air Force and our great nation.

19th ARG ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

19th Maintenance Squadron	19th Operations Support Squadron	99th Air Refueling Squadron	19th Air Generation Squadron
1st Lt. Rick Rogers – Company Grade Officer	1st Lt. Dan Haman – Company Grade Officer	1st Lt. Matt Dietz – Company Grade Officer	1st Lt. Brian Smith – Company Grade Officer
Senior Master Sgt. Michael Rovinsky – Senior NCO	Master Sgt. Patricia Keith – Senior NCO	Senior Master Sgt. James Morman – Senior NCO	Master Sgt. Anthony Wallace – Senior NCO
Tech. Sgt. Gregory Porter – NCO	Tech. Sgt. Mihae Brown – NCO	Staff Sgt. Christopher Stokes – NCO	Staff Sgt. Jeffery Gombos – NCO
Senior Airman Amy McNeal – Airman	Senior Airman Martin Lewis – Airman	Senior Airman Bruce Klima – Airman	Senior Airman Michael Free – Airman